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WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #7

Financial Report

For the Year Ended June 30, 2004

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WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #7
WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY
Dixie Inn, Louisiana

Component Unit Financial Statements
As of and for the year ended June 30, 2004

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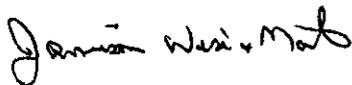
ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

The Board of Commissioners
Webster Parish Fire Protection District #7
Dixie Inn, Louisiana

We have compiled the component unit financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting, in the form of financial statements and schedules, information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and schedules and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report, dated December 31, 2004, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.



Minden, Louisiana
December 31, 2004

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Management of the Webster Parish Fire
Protection District #7 of Webster Parish

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District #7 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Webster Parish Fire Protection District #7's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended June 30, 2004, included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$20,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

For the year ended June 30, 2004, we noted the district purchased a truck on February 5, 2004 from Ferrara Fire Apparatus for \$157,739.00. This expenditure was purchased under a state contract and therefore was not subject to public bid law. No other expenses in excess of \$20,000 were noted. No expenditures for public works exceeding \$100,000 were noted.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

For the year ended June 30, 2004, Webster Parish Fire Protection District #7 did not have any employees.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

This agreed-upon procedure is not applicable since there were no employees paid during the period under examination.

Budgeting

5. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of a budget

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

Budget was adopted in public meeting per minutes.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual expenditures exceeded the budgeted amounts by more than 5% for the year ended June 30, 2004. The special revenue fund is exempt from making amendments under LSA-RS:39:1311(B) which states that amendments are not required for a special revenue fund with anticipated expenditures that do not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

Accounting and Reporting

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the periods under examination and:

(a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee with the exception of one expenditure that was recorded to a different payee, however, the check was made out in accordance with the invoice and all other information was recorded correctly.

- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and

All six disbursements appeared to be properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities

The six selected disbursements indicated approvals from the proper authorities with the exception of one expenditure which we noted no indication of approval.

Meetings

- 9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

Webster Parish Fire Protection District #7 is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the district's office building. Management did not provide us with minutes to the meetings, however.

Debt

- 10. Examine bank deposits for the periods under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We inspected copies of all bank deposit slips for the periods under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

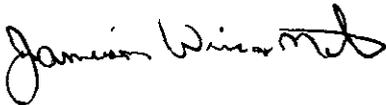
Advances and Bonuses

- 11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advance, or gifts.

We noted no paid employees for the year ended June 30, 2004. We also inspected records for the year and noted no instances that would indicate payments that would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We were not engaged to, and did not perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Webster Parish Fire Protection District #7 and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. Wier".

Minden, Louisiana
December 31, 2004

Webster Parish Fire Dist # 7
FYE 6/30/04

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Government)
_____ (Date Transmitted)

_____ (Auditors)

In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of [date] and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulation and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of (date of completion/representations).

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office..
Yes No

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.
Yes No

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.
Yes No

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:34.
Yes No

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.
Yes No

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:463, and/or 39:92, as applicable.
Yes No

We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.
Yes [] No []

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12.
Yes [] No []

Debt

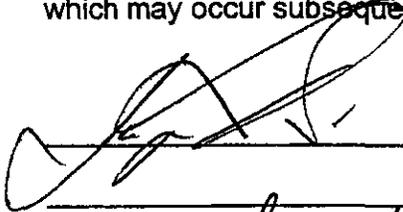
It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 39:1410.60-1410.65.
Yes [] No []

Advances and Bonuses

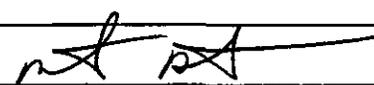
It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.
Yes [] No []

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

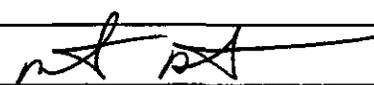
We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.



Secretary 6-30-04 Date



Treasurer _____ Date



President 6-23-04 Date

Note: If the engagement is for a routine compilation/attest that will be completed within six months of the entity's fiscal year-end and the CPA will submit either a Fax Approval Form or an Email engagement approval form to the legislative auditor, the space for the legislative auditor's approval may be omitted.

COMPONENT UNIT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WEBSTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #7
 Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
 June 30, 2004

	Governmental Fund Type	Account Groups	Totals
	Special Revenue	Fixed Assets	(Memorandum Only)
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 162,249	-	162,249
Deposits	95	-	95
Vehicles	-	458,005	458,005
Equipment	-	196,082	196,082
Buildings and land	-	114,383	114,383
Total Assets	\$ 162,344	\$ 768,470	\$ 930,814
 LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities			
Fund Balance			
Unreserved	162,344	-	162,344
Investment in fixed assets	-	768,470	768,470
Total fund balance	162,344	768,470	930,814
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 162,344	\$ 768,470	\$ 930,814

The accompanying notes constitute an integral part of these financial statements.

WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - All Government Fund Types
For the year ended June 30, 2004

Revenues:	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 128,374
Interest earned	2,924
Other receipts	5,599
Total revenues	136,897
Expenditures:	
General operations	14,405
Fire services	2,395
Safety	-
Recruitment & retention	1,207
Bond maintenance fee	601
Communications	6,100
Training & supplies	5,284
Fuel	2,108
Repairs and maintenance	5,432
Bond interest	2,860
Bond payments	40,000
Building & grounds	13,904
Capital outlay - Equipment	64,677
Capital outlay - Building	-
Capital outlay - Vehicles	167,634
Capital outlay - Fire services eq.	3,954
Miscellaneous	6,689
Total expenditures	337,250
Excess revenues over expenditures	(200,353)
Fund balances at beginning of year	362,697
Fund balances at end of year	\$ 162,344

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7
Governmental Fund Type - Special Revenue
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
For the year ended June 30, 2004

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Revenues	\$ 124,660	136,897	12,237
Expenditures:			
General operations	17,000	14,405	2,595
Fire services	9,000	2,395	6,605
Safety	2,000	-	2,000
Recruitment & retention	1,300	1,207	93
Bond maintenance fee	-	601	(601)
Communications	6,000	6,100	(100)
Training & supplies	5,000	5,284	(284)
Fuel	-	2,108	(2,108)
Repairs and maintenance	18,000	5,432	12,568
Bond interest	2,860	2,860	-
Bond payments	40,000	40,000	-
Buildings & grounds	13,500	13,904	(404)
Capital outlay - Equipment	-	64,677	(64,677)
Capital outlay - Vehicles	10,000	167,634	(157,634)
Capital outlay - Fire services eq.	-	3,954	(3,954)
Miscellaneous	-	6,689	(6,689)
Total expenditures	<u>124,660</u>	<u>337,250</u>	<u>(212,590)</u>
Excess (deficiency) revenues over expenditures	-	(200,353)	(200,353)
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>362,697</u>	<u>362,697</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 362,697</u>	<u>162,344</u>	<u>(200,353)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2004

1. The Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 was created by resolution of the Webster Parish Police Jury in 1988. The District began collecting ad valorem taxes in January 1990. The District board consists of five members. Two members are appointed by the Webster Parish Police Jury, two members are appointed by the Village of Dixie Inn and the fifth member is appointed by the other four members and is the chairman of the District.

The significant accounting policies followed by the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 in preparation of the accompanying financial statements are set forth below.

- A. Basis of presentation - The accounting and reporting practices of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, published by the American Institute of Certified of Public Accountants, and to the applicable Louisiana Revised Statutes.
- B. Reporting entity - For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Statement No. 14, the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 includes all funds and account groups which are controlled by the District. The District has no oversight responsibility for any other governmental entity since no other entities are considered to be controlled by or dependent upon the District. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility.
- C. Fund accounting - The accounts of the Webster Parish Fire Protection District No. 7 are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. For the year ended June 30, 2003, one fund existed which was a Special Revenue Fund classified as a governmental fund.
- D. Basis of accounting - Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. With the modified accrual basis of accounting, expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2004

liability is incurred, except that principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized when due.

E. Budgets and budgetary accounting - The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

- 1) A proposed budget is prepared for the Board of Commissioners and made available for public inspection in June of each year.
- 2) After formal review and public inspection, the budget is adopted by the Board of Commissioners by June 30 of the year end.
- 3) Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the special revenue fund. Budgetary amendments require the approval of the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners is authorized to transfer amounts between line items within any fund.
- 4) Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

F. Cash and cash equivalents - Cash includes amounts in demand deposits. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana or national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

G. Fixed Assets - Fixed assets of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures at the time they are purchased or constructed, and the related assets are capitalized in the general fixed asset account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

H. Total columns on combined statements - Total columns on combined statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

2. Ad Valorem Taxes

Taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2004

3. Cash and cash equivalents

At June 30, 2004, the District had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$ 162,542 in demand deposits. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state laws, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times at least equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2004, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	\$ <u>162,542</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$ 100,000
Pledged securities (uncollateralized)	<u>62,542</u>
 Total	 \$ <u>162,542</u>

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement #3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within ten days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

4. General Fixed Assets

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Land & Buildings</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
Balance 6-30-03	\$ 532,205	114,383	290,371	127,451
Additions	<u>236,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>167,634</u>	<u>68,631</u>
Balance 6-30-04	\$ <u>768,470</u>	<u>114,383</u>	<u>458,005</u>	<u>196,082</u>

5. Changes in General Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of bond transactions of the District for the year ended June 30, 2004:

Bonds Payable, June 30, 2003	\$40,000
Bonds Retired	<u>(40,000)</u>
Bonds Payable, June 30, 2004	\$ <u>0</u>

WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2004

Bonds are comprised of General Obligation Bonds, Series 1989, dated October 1, 1989; due in semi-annual installments through April 1, 2004; average net interest of 7.28%

6. Leases

The District is obligated under certain leases accounted for as capital leases. The leased assets and related obligations are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group and the General Long-Term Debt Account Group, respectively. Assets under capital leases totaled \$ 50,000 at June 30, 2004. This balance includes the purchase of a 1986 Emergency One Hurricane Pumper that is reflected under vehicles in the General Fixed Assets Account Group. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under capital leases, and the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2004.

Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	
2005	\$ 9,895
2006	9,895
Total minimum lease payments	<u>19,790</u>
Less – amount representing interest	(1,471)
Present value of net minimum lease payments	<u>\$ 16,906</u>

7. Members of the Board of Commissioners

Members of the Board of Commissioners do not receive compensation. The following serve on the Board of Commissioners:

Mike Burton	Chairman
Jay Hortman	Secretary-Treasurer
Bernard Hudson	Commissioner
Jasper Savana	Commissioner
Gary W. Greene	Commissioner

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE

WEBSTER PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 7

Schedule of Compensation Paid Board Members
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

The following serve on the Board of Commissioners without compensation:

Mike Burton	Chairman
Jay Hortman	Secretary/Treasurer
Bernard Hudson	Commissioner
Jasper Savana	Commissioner
Gary W. Greene	Commissioner